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1615**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Attorney Docket No.: 98,554  
Application No.: 09/155,605  
Filing Date: September 29, 1998  
First Named Inventor: De Vringer  
Group Art Unit: 1615  
Confirmation No.: 8895  
Examiner Name: G. Kishore

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 24, 2003.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

**APPLICATION FEES**

BASIC FEE		
		\$ 790.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time fee	+\$1,020.00	\$ 1,020.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Processing fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)	+\$130.00	\$ 130.00
Total of above calculations =		\$ 1,940.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity =		\$ ( )
TOTAL =		\$ 1,940.00

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3. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 13-2490 in the amount of \$.
4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,940.00 is enclosed.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any additional fees of the following types to Deposit Account No. 13-2490:
- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
  - b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
  - c. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.
6. The Commissioner is hereby generally authorized under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any future reply in this or any related application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53 requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor, and the Commissioner is hereby specifically authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2490 for any fee that may be due in connection with such a request for an extension of time.

**7. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

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